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sources of information and means of discovery which the nature of the case suggests, and which were accessible to him. *Harper vs. Scott*, 125.

Jury.—Where a juror, in the trial of a criminal cause, had formed and expressed a decided opinion as to the guilt of the defendant, before being impanelled and sworn, which fact was unknown to the defendant, until after the return of the verdict: *Held*, that such juror was disqualified from sitting on the trial, and that a new trial should be granted. *Wade vs. The State*, 25.

When a juror is found by triors to have formed a fixed opinion for or against the prisoner, and entertains it at the time, he is incompetent. *Willis vs. The State*, 444.

In *civil cases*, the jury are bound to find the law, as it is propounded to them by the Court. *The Bank of St. Mary's vs. The State, &c.*, 475.

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the English Courts of Common Law, with Tables of the Cases and Principal Matters. Edited by Hon. Geo. Sharswood. Vol. LXXIII., containing the Cases determined in Trinity and Michaelmas Terms, 1851, and Hilary Term, 1852. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson, Law Booksellers, No. 197 Chestnut Street. 1854; pp. 1096.

The best criterion of the excellence of this volume, is obtained by a comparison with the last volume of the Reports of our own Supreme Court (7 Harris). Not to speak of the mere mechanical execution (in which private enterprise has undoubtedly surpassed the work published by authority), the clearness, directness and fulness of the syllabus, the tables of cases, and cases cited, the Year Books (which might be replaced here by a list of English cases cited), Rules of Court and Maxims, Digests and Abridgments (all of which are wanting in our Penna. Reports), the Addenda and the Index, attest the superior industry and acumen of the English Reporter, while the modest and useful notes of the learned and distinguished American Editor give a practical value to the decisions. The simplicity of the language, the directness of application, the honest avowal of error (see Ch. J. Jervis' acknowledgment, in *Arden vs. Goodacre*, p. 375), the lively attention to the argument, the anxiety to do justice and to do it quickly, all put down in print, give to this volume a life and interest which greatly add to its merits as a student's book, as well as a lawyer's authority.